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Department of Justice,

RE: Microsoft Settlement

My thoughts are simple regarding this complicated software business. As I read from public sources for settlement details; the settlement clearly fails to punish the Microsoft enterprise for its corporate behavior. Time has gone by and the justice system may have indeed forgotten about the failed companies due to MicroSoft business practices. All of the failed businesses led to (1) lost competitive ideas, (2) lost employment, and (3) failed dreams. Long gone are companies like Netscape, Borland and others.

Further the notion that MicroSoft would give software operating systems, support and applications to the poorest schools appears to increase the footprint of the Microsoft monopoly. This may actually be worse than doing nothing.

I do not envy your team in finding resolution with this matter or the tobacco matter, but please secure TRUE resolution. In my humble opinion, Microsoft needs to be broken into smaller companies like Judge Green did with AT&T.

thank you for your time and consideration,

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